Arrangements have been made locally to look after the current duties thereof, pending appointment of a regular incumbent.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Development of Railways in Kerala State

817. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new allocation of resources for the development of Railways in Kerala State has been made apart from the allocation made in the railway budget; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1.4 crores has been additionally provided by reappropriation to Kayankulam-Quilon doubling project and Rs. 1 crore to Trivandrum-Quilon doubling during the current financial year.

Doubling of Mangalore-Shornur Sector

818. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the utmost necessity to double the Mangalore-Shornur sector for the full benefit of the Konkan Railway project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for doubling this sector and the time frame of its implementation; and

(c) by when the Quilon-Trivandrum sector would be doubled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A survey for doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore line has been taken up which will assess the traffic potential of the section including the change in the pattern of traffic with the commissioning of Konkan Railway and gauge conversion works in this area. Further action will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

(c) The doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum railway line (65 kms) has been sanctioned. Land acquisition is in progress and is expected to be completed in 1994-95. Doubling work would be taken up thereafter and completed as per availability of resources in the coming years.

Modernisation of Hubli Railway Workshop

819. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hubli Railway workshop would be amidst broad gauge line shortly, in view of gauge conversion;

(b) if so, what steps were taken/or are being taken to upgrade and modernise the workshop; and

(c) whether modernisation would generate more jobs, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hubli workshop is not being modernised. However, in view of gauge conversion, it is proposed to convert the Metre Gauge workshop to Broad Gauge workshop for which a Techno Economic Survey has been carried out

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Non-stop Train between Delhi and Madras

820. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sub Group of Parliamentary Consultative